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MEXICAN NATIONAL INDICTED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE UNITED STATES

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexico citizen, who was living in Osage Beach, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury today for illegally re-entering the United States.

Jose Gerardo Carranza-Garcia, 33, of Mexico, was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City, Mo.

The federal indictment alleges that **Carranza-Garcia** was found on Jan. 17, 2004, in Camden County, Mo., after having been previously deported from the United States. **Carranza-Garcia** was previously deported on Jan. 18, 1995, after being convicted of a felony in California.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Osage Beach, Mo., Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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